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Claim Amendments

Claim 1 (currently-amended): A product care label to be permanently attached to a textile product, comprising:

a textile carrier part having a plurality of care symbols including <u>visually recognizable</u> information on suitable care of a textile product;

a plurality of transponders each attached to said textile carrier part, each having a respective electronic component, and each being associated with a respective one of said care symbols; end

each respective electronic component holding information corresponding to a respective care symbol; and

each of said plurality of transponders configured to transmit the information to a corresponding household appliance.

Claim 2 (original): The product care label according to claim 1, wherein said information held by said electronic component is electronic information.

Claim 3 (original): The product care label according to claim 1, wherein said textile carrier part is printed-on the textile product.

Claim 4 (original): The product care label according to claim 1, wherein said textile carrier part is woven-in the textile product.

claim 5 (original): The product care label according to claim
1, wherein said electronic component is applied to said
textile carrier part.

Claim 6 (original): The product care label according to claim
1, wherein said electronic component is printed on said
textile carrier part.

Claims 7-9 (cancelled)

Claim 10 (original): The product care label according to claim 1, wherein said electronic component is a flat chip.

Claim 11 (original): The product care label according to claim 1, wherein said electronic component is a flat coil.

Claim 12 (previously-presented): The product care label according to claim 1, wherein said plurality of transponders have a synthetic resin encasing said electronic component.

Claim 13 (amended). A method for producing a product care label for textiles, which comprises:

printing a plurality of visually recognizable care symbols onto a carrier tape; and

simultaneously attaching a plurality of transponders onto the carrier tape with each care symbol being associated with a respective transponder; and

configuring each of the plurality of transponders for transmitting information to a corresponding household appliance.

Claim 14 (original): The method according to claim 13, wherein carrier tape is a plastic tape.

Claim 15 (original): The method according to claim 13, wherein carrier tape is a textile tape.

Claim 16 (previously-presented): The method according to claim 13, wherein the attaching step is performed by simultaneously applying the plurality of transponders to the carrier tape.

Claim 17 (previously-presented): The method according to claim 13, wherein the attaching step is performed by simultaneously printing the plurality of transponders on the carrier tape

Claim 18 (previously-presented): The method according to claim 13, which further comprises pressing a flat chip of the plurality of transponders into a synthetic resin casing.

Claim 19 (previously-presented): The method according to claim 13, which further comprises introducing a flat chip of the plurality of transponders into a synthetic resin casing.

Claim 20 (previously-presented): The method according to claim 13, which further comprises pressing a flat coil of the plurality of transponders into a synthetic resin casing.

Claim 21 (previously-presented): The method according to claim 13, which further comprises introducing a flat coil of the plurality of transponders into a synthetic resin casing.

Claim 22 (previously-presented): The method according to claim 13, wherein the attaching step is performed by fastening the plurality of transponders on the carrier tape with an adhesive.

Claim 23 (previously-presented):. The product care label according to claim 1, wherein said plurality of transponders are configured to be detected by a household appliance.